

November 4 — November 11

A month for remembering

As we move through the month of November we continue a time of remembering.

On Sunday, Oct. 31st during our morning worship services we began our time of remembering with the celebration of All Saints, a time to remember all the saints and martyrs, both known and unknown who died in the faith.

We expand this remembering during our Service of All Souls this Sunday, Nov. 7th at 4pm, with the remembrance of all those who have gone before us, both recently and long ago, through music, prayer and reflection. This service will be in-person (via registration with several walk-in seats available) and live-streamed. The church will open at 3pm for those coming to the in-person service who would like to come early to pray.

Between 3:40 and 4pm, just prior to the beginning of the service, those attending in-person are invited to light a candle in remembrance of loved ones lost. If you would like to have the names of those you're remembering read aloud in the service, please submit names [here](#) by noon on Sunday.

Remembrance Sunday is being marked on Sunday, Nov. 14th during morning worship services and we are blessed to have Claire Bramma as our preacher for the day as we remember those who have served this country in times of great challenge. 11am in-person worship registration will open by the end of day Monday, Nov. 8th.

Loss and remembrance has impacted us all in different ways through the pandemic. This year, we are inviting the St. Clement's community and our neighbours into a public expression of remembrance. From Nov. 7 to Nov 19 we are inviting people passing by or stopping to enjoy the St. Clement's grounds to write the names of those they've lost in chalk on the stairs of our Duplex Street entrance -- a moment to pause and reflect on the shared human experience of loss and remembrance. Some days we may see many names scrawled on the stairs, and others none, the rain having washed away the names that came before.

Let us enter into this month of remembering, trusting that in the Spirit, we are held together in hope even in times of loss and grief.



A SPECIAL ST. CLEMENT'S UPDATE



Happy Retirement Elisabeth!

After 18 years of being St. Clement's faithful and trustworthy bookkeeper, Elisabeth Lunder is retiring on December 1st. Over her time at the Parish, Elisabeth has developed many lasting friendships. Her knowledge of the St. Clement's database has been invaluable. Elisabeth's friends, colleagues (past & present) and the St. Clements' parishioners will all miss you, Elisabeth.

Please join us in celebrating Elisabeth's well-deserved retirement by contributing to a farewell gift for her. In keeping with tradition, a financial 'purse' will be collected and given to Elisabeth upon her departure. **If you would like to make a non-tax-receiptable donation**, please do so by putting your donation in an envelope clearly marked for Elisabeth and place it in the offering plate on Sundays or drop it off to our marked mailbox at the St. Clement's entrance. Cheques should be made out to St. Clement's church and clearly marked for Elisabeth.

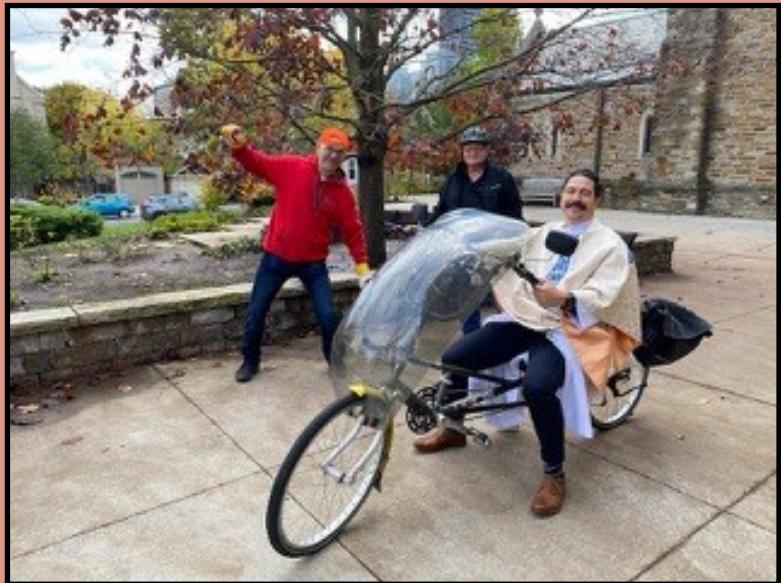
It is hard to imagine someone else sitting at Elisabeth's desk, but we have been fortunate in hiring a new bookkeeper who we feel will smoothly transition into the bookkeeper role on November 15. Please stay tuned for more details next week.

ST. CLEMENT'S COMMUNITY

Our ongoing partnership with CycleToronto continues to bear fruit!

St. Clement's has co-sponsored 2 community rides and, on Sunday past, two CycleToronto members attended our in-person service.

The Rector (a longtime Cycle Toronto member) joined them to talk shop and try out their sweet ride!



WORD FROM THE WARDENS

Welcome Back from your wardens

Thankful to see your faces

We are so grateful to see familiar faces back in pews. In addition to this personal presence, we are able to reach even further into our community through the incredible teamwork that has enabled our live-streaming.

This live-stream capability allows parishioners and guests to access our service, no matter where they are located. Just recently we were able to include over 100 people at a funeral service, with most family members tuning in from South Africa.

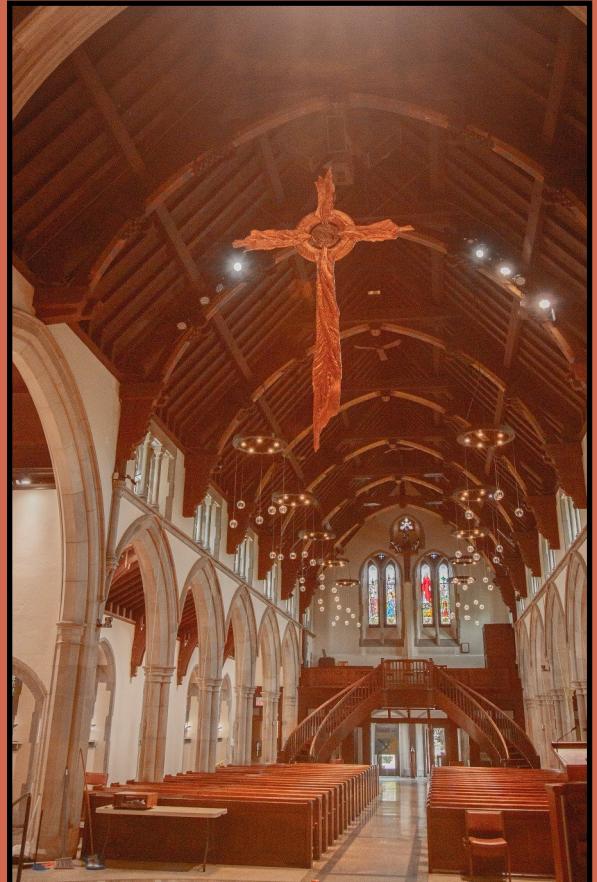
Financial Update

When setting our 2021 financial plans, we knew that Covid would continue to have a negative impact and we planned for it. Unfortunately, donations are down even more than we anticipated, leaving us \$124k short in our revenue. An offset to this shortfall has been a reduction in expenses of \$61k which leaves us at \$63k short of our plan as of the end of September.

In looking for bright lights, we saw a slight increase in donations in September and hope that our fall pledge campaign can help us bridge more of that gap. Your support helps us keep up the work we do both within and outside of this community, especially in these times where Covid has had such a financial impact on those we look to support.

Thanks to our volunteers and staff for sharing your vaccination status!

And a big thank you to Rosalee for taking on the challenge of verifying the vaccination status of all our volunteers and staff as required by the Diocese.



The deadline for providing proof of vaccination has passed and we consider this initiative to be complete with almost 100 verifications that will contribute to keeping our St. Clement's community safe.

65 St. Clement's Ave

All required work and repairs have been completed at 65 St. Clement's Ave. and will be listed for rental shortly.

A new website before year's end

As St. Clement's continues to grow and change, so does our website. We are aiming to launch our new site in late November. Our new website will give us a greater level of security and will be on a platform that is simpler to update as the site becomes the hub of all our communications.

We are grateful to partner with you in our shared mission of learning to follow Jesus Christ.

- Your Warden Team

WORSHIP UPDATES

Word and Song: New protocols for Worship

Offering dynamic, authentic and engaging Worship Experiences with continued excellence in preaching and music has remained a key focus throughout the pandemic.

We have had to get creative, do things in new and unexpected ways and respond to the changing landscape of diocesan, municipal, and provincial safety protocols.

We are grateful for the high vaccination rate and the continued decline of covid cases in Toronto and the province and pray this continues to be the case.

Late last week, the Anglican Diocese of Toronto (our governing body) made two changes to our current covid guidelines around singing and masking for worship leaders.

Choral Singing

Choral singing by fully vaccinated choristers, masked and distanced at least 2 metres from each other, and a minimum of 4 metres from the congregation, is now permitted.

And while our ears can feast on the gift of choral singing, for the moment, hard as it is, we ask that members of our in-person congregation refrain from singing as congregational singing is still prohibited.

Masking for worship leaders

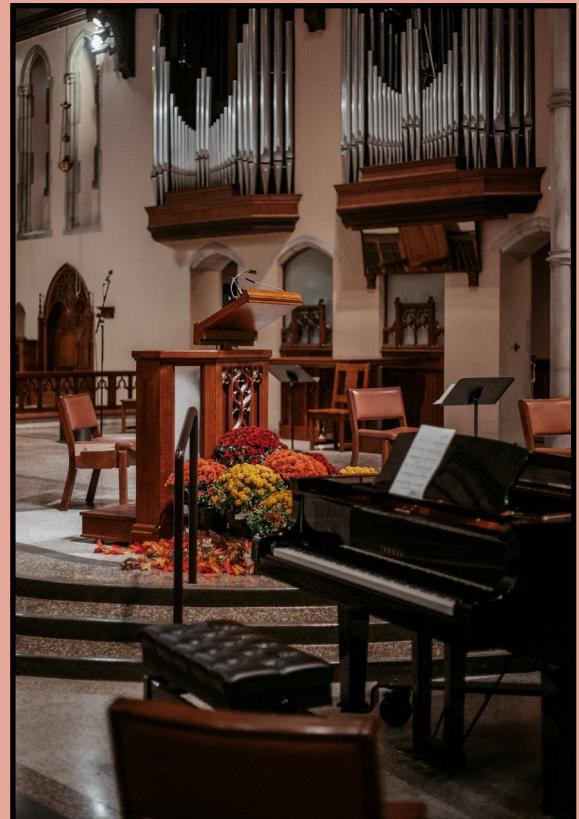
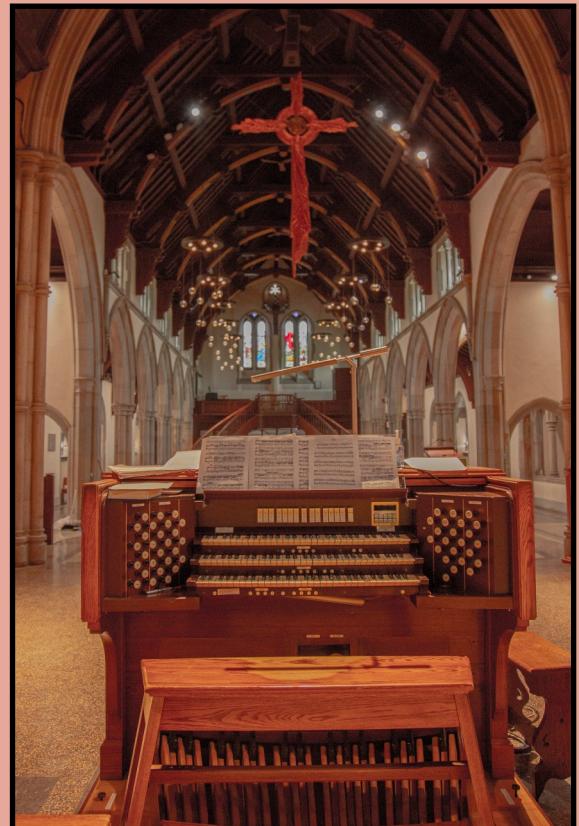
Fully vaccinated worship leaders (preachers, readers, and intercessors) are permitted to remove their masks indoors for liturgical speaking, should they choose to do so.

Only one person may unmask at a time, and the unmasked speaker must be stationary and physically distanced from others by a minimum of 4 metres. Presiders at the altar, whether speaking or singing, must remain masked when the elements of bread and wine are before them, and during the distribution of holy communion.

We know that masks have been one of the many layers of keeping one another safe throughout the pandemic. We also know that masks have been a barrier, in particular for those who rely on facial cues and lip reading for comprehension.

We also know that everyone's comfort level around removing their mask is unique and can fluctuate based on their own situation and those with whom they are in close contact (e.g., unvaccinated children, those with compromised immune systems, etc).

We give great thanks for the gift of worship and are incredibly encouraged by the way God has sustained St. Clement's as a people learning to follow Jesus Christ in the midst of great adversity and trust that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us as we journey together.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry will be in the Youth Room!

While we really enjoyed hosting Youth Ministry outdoors for the last few weeks, the cool weather arrived quickly! So we have moved Sunday Youth Ministry indoors to the Youth Room on Sunday October 31.

What you need to know about Youth Ministry as of October 31:

- We will be hosting Youth Ministry indoors in the Youth Room during the 11am service - Youth should be registered for the 11am service ahead of time
- Youth should enter the Church through the Briar Hill doors, where they will go through the Welcome Team for screening
- Our Youth Minister, Mackenzie, will be waiting at the back of the Sanctuary to direct the youth upstairs to the Youth Room
- The youth will return to their families in the Sanctuary for communion
- Please reach out to Mackenzie at mbasssimpson@stclements-church.org if you have any questions!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Calling all Volunteers to Help with Angel Tree

Yes, we know it is early to think about Christmas. However, ensuring little children with an incarcerated parent receive a gift for Christmas requires lots of pre-organization, communication and many volunteers!

We need volunteers to assist in the delivery of gifts to the children. Volunteers should also be accompanied by another person when delivering gifts.

If you can help deliver gifts locally during December and would like to volunteer in this heart-touching service, please contact Heather Goodall at AngelTreeXmas@gmail.com and sign up for the training on October 27th.

Signing up to provide gifts for the children will start on Sunday, November 21.



SUNDAYS AT ST. CLEMENT'S

Worship with us on Sunday!

9:30am service: online via Zoom

- Interactive online worship service [via Zoom](#).
- Dial in from within Canada: **1-647-558-0588** or **1-647-374-4685**. To join by phone: Dial one of the numbers listed above and follow the prompts.
- Have the **Meeting ID (869 5057 1385)** ready to enter. Note that long distance charges may apply.

11am service: in person & live-streamed via YouTube

- Book your spot **each week**— registration email goes out every **Monday**.
- This service will be live-streamed for people to view at home on their devices via [YouTube](#).



What to expect in person on Sunday

- *Ahead of time:* Please register online before Friday noon. If you know of someone who does not use a computer, please call them to let them know they can simply come to church on Sunday and someone will help them register at the door.
- *When you arrive:* We will welcome you **at the Briar Hill entrance** (on the north side of the church), and ask you to complete the COVID-19 screening process.
- *Finding your seat:* An usher will guide you to your seat. Please remain in your place throughout the service. Communion will be brought to you.
- *For safety's sake:* Please keep your mask on and maintain a 2m distance from those outside your household.



MIDWEEK SERVICES

8:30am Wednesday Online Morning Prayer

Wednesday morning Church Outside has been a fabulous way to connect for the past three months, however with the change of the season, we are making a pivot to our mid-week worship service.

We are shifting to Online Morning Prayer via zoom **Wednesday mornings at 8:30am beginning October 13th**. This allows us to continue to connect and opens up an opportunity for those who can't make it out as easily as the weather changes, and those who may be working or have little ones at home. Let's start our day in prayer together!

Join us on zoom 8:30am Wednesday mornings here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89629926607>

Dial in over the phone from within Canada:

1-647-374-4685 or **1-647-558-0588**

Meeting ID: 896 2992 6607

**Online
Morning Prayer
8:30am Wednesdays**



Praying together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Clement's sermons

Did you miss the sermon on Sunday? Were you unable to join the Zoom call or tune into the livestream?

All of our sermons are posted weekly on our [YouTube](#) page: [St. Clement's Church—Toronto](#).

Our **9:30 AM service** is uploaded **weekly** on Monday.

Subscribe to the channel and turn on notifications to get an alert every time we upload a new message.

Didn't get a chance to attend the 11 AM service in-person or watch the livestream?

Our 11 AM livestream is available for **one week** on our YouTube page.

Check out our channel every Sunday at 1 PM for a full recording of our 11 AM service.

Prefer to listen to the sermons as a podcast?

Check out our SoundCloud page by clicking [here](#).

Download the sermon and take it with you wherever you go!



Pastoral Calls

Over these past months, members of our Pastoral Care Team have been keeping in touch with over 60 parishioners via regular phone calls and emails.

This means that hundreds of hours have been generously shared in reaching out, listening, and praying together.

We are so grateful for all of these faithful efforts to keep our parish community connected throughout this time of separation.

If you or someone you know would appreciate a regular keeping-in-touch call from one of our Pastoral Care Team callers, please contact Liska at lstefko@stclements-church.org

In the event of an urgent pastoral matter, please use our Pastoral Emergency phone number (416-483-2920) to reach the priest on call.

